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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2004, please amend the above identified application as set forth in the attached AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS which amendments are explained in the attached REMARKS.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 41, including :
generating an object area list having pictorial content contained in a presented document.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 41-4, including:
automatically generating a line map comprising vertical and horizontal line elements representing text, pictorial and color content, if all are present, on said presented document.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, including:
automatically generating a horizontal key using horizontal line elements in said line map by dividing automatically said presented document into a predetermined number of